



# New Housing in our Community

## Kenmore's "Missing Middle" Housing

### What is "Missing Middle" housing?

"Missing Middle" housing refers to duplexes, triplexes, cottage housing, or small single-family dwellings that offer alternatives to apartment living. The size and shape of this housing is regulated to help it fit into existing single-family neighborhoods. Missing Middle housing:

- provides people with more options
- increases housing supply
- uses land more efficiently
- supports transit
- is consistent with regional policies
- is more environmentally sustainable

To learn more about Missing Middle housing, visit [kenmorewa.gov/missingmiddle](https://kenmorewa.gov/missingmiddle) or view [theurbanist.org/2021/08/29/sunday-video-how-the-us-made-affordable-homes-illegal/](https://theurbanist.org/2021/08/29/sunday-video-how-the-us-made-affordable-homes-illegal/).

### Does Kenmore have "Missing Middle" housing?

**"Missing Middle" housing types used to be common but are rarely built today.** Townhomes, a form of Missing Middle housing, are currently being developed in the community but other "Missing Middle" types are not.

### Is Kenmore planning "Missing Middle" housing now?

The Planning Commission is currently considering "Missing Middle" housing as one way Kenmore can help address the regional need for more types of housing. They are discussing "Missing Middle" housing as part of the update to Kenmore's Comprehensive Plan which guides how we grow and develop our city over 20 years. As members of the regional community, we have a responsibility to consider Missing Middle housing in this update.

## What we've heard so far

During summer 2021, we fielded a survey of more than 1,000 Kenmore residents to better understand priorities and identify tensions related to housing and development. We learned that while Kenmore residents care about housing affordability, most are unsure of how to create more affordable housing and are concerned that new housing won't fit into existing neighborhoods.



### Learn more and share your feedback

[kenmorewa.gov/missingmiddle](https://kenmorewa.gov/missingmiddle)

Or you can send your responses and thoughts to Lauri Anderson, Principal Planner for the City of Kenmore.



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## We'd also love your feedback on the 20-year Vision Statement

The Kenmore Planning Commission is drafting a 20-year Vision Statement to describe the future of Kenmore in 2044 and to provide guidance and context to updated Comprehensive Plan goals and policies. We want to hear from you on the Vision Statement!

**Learn more** [kenmorewa.gov/comprehensive-plan](https://kenmorewa.gov/comprehensive-plan)

To receive notice of upcoming Planning Commission meetings and the meeting materials, contact Rita Moreno at [rmoreno@kenmorewa.gov](mailto:rmoreno@kenmorewa.gov) to have your name added to the Planning Commission's email list. Adding your name to the list will also make sure you have an invitation to our November 16 Community Forum on housing options.

This flyer is about future housing in Kenmore. If you would like this information in Chinese, Russian, Spanish please call (425) 398-8900.

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